

**AMERICAN EMBASSY
DAKAR, SENEGAL
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: D-09-037

OPEN TO:	All interested candidates
POSITION:	Commercial Assistant, FSN- 9; FP- 5
OPENING DATE:	December 10, 2009
CLOSING DATE:	December 24, 2009
WORK HOURS:	Full-time position, 40 hours/week
LENGTH	90 Days 3 months

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is seeking an individual for the position of Commercial Assistant.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. For a copy, please send a request via e-mail to PersonnelDakar@state.gov

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION: Under the supervision of the Senior Commercial Officer, provides business counseling and facilitation services to U.S firms seeking to export to west Africa and to west African firms seeking to import from the U.S Researches and reports on export opportunities, West African companies, and overall market conditions.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

- a. **Education:** Bachelor degree or host country equivalent in Economics, Marketing, Business Administration, or other closely related field.
- b. **Prior Working Experience:** Three to five years of progressively responsible experience in commercial activities, market research, trade promotion, commercial banking, or other closely related field is required; with the ability to develop and maintain working level contacts at a high-level in government and private sector and obtain, evaluate data and prepare accurate and precise reports and analyses.
- c. **Language Proficiency:** Level IV (Fluency) in English and French is required
- d. **Job Knowledge:** Good working knowledge of West African industries and business sectors, economy and business and trade practices, organizations and customs required. Good working knowledge of USG trade objectives in West Africa.
- e. **Skills and Abilities:** Skill in using OIS or computer terminal equipment and able to understand and operate basic functions of microcomputer in a commercial sector environment, namely word processing, database and spreadsheet applications.

SELECTION PROCESS: When equally qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate's application specifically address the required qualifications above.

NOTE: Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

- (1) Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
- (2) Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
- (3) Current Ordinarily Resident (OR) employees with an Overall Summary Rating of "Needs Improvement" or "Unsatisfactory" on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to

apply.

(4) Currently employed US Citizen EFM's who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.

(5) Currently employed Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) employees hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

(6) Background check will be conducted if selected.

TO APPLY: Interested candidates for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

(1) Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612), US Embassy Dakar Application Form, or current resume/curriculum vitae that provides the same information as the OF-612.

(2) Letter of motivation addressing the qualification requirements of the position as listed above,

(3) Any additional documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) as relevant.

(4) Candidates who claim US Veterans' preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO: American Embassy, Dakar, Human Resources Office
E-mail Address: PersonnelDakar@state.gov

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: December 24, 2009.

The US Mission in Senegal provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

DEFINITIONS:

1. US Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) – For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- US Citizen; and,
- EFM (see below) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

2. Eligible Family Member (EFM) - An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the

following ways:

- Spouse;
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

3. Member of Household (MOH) – An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a US Citizen.

4. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (OR, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a US Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a General or Foreign Service (GS or FS) salary schedule, not under the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

5. Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or US citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without US Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including US citizens, are compensated in accordance with the LCP.